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TREASURY FOR CUSTOMS/INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

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SUBJ: CCINC -- CUSTOMS TRAINING NEPAL

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1. MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED CUSTOMS
OFFER TO RUN CCINC TRAINING PROGRAM IN NEPAL.

2. DIRECTOR OF NEPALESE CUSTOM IS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE
TRAINING CONDUCTED PRIOR TO KING'S CORONATION FEBRUARY 24,
WHEN NEPAL EXPECTS LARGE INFLUX OF TOURISTS AND OFFICIAL
VISITORS. HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT TWO COURSES BE GIVEN:
THE FIRST, IN KATHMANDU, SHOULD FOCUS ON CUSTOMS OPERA-
TIONS AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; THE SECOND WOULD BE HELD
IN A TOWN ON THE INDIAN-NEPLAESE BORDER AND WOULD DEAL
PRIMARILY WITH INTERDICTION OF
CONTRABAND BY OVERLAND ROUTE.

3. CUSTOMS DIRECTOR HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING DATES AS
MOST SUITABLE FOR HIM: JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 20.

4. IN VIEW OF SHORTENED TIME FRAME AS WELL AS
PECULIARITIES OF NEPALESE CUSTOMS OPERATIONS
EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST THAT BOTH COURSES FOCUS
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UPON ELEMENTARY SEARCH AND SEIZURE TECHNIQUES. IN THAT

REGARD EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SECTIONS ON RAIDS, SURVEILLANCE, AND OTHER IN-COUNTRY ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS BE DROPPED. IF DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. CUSTOMS EMBASSY WILL REVIEW COURSE OUTLINE IN FURTHER DETAIL.

5. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF U.S. CUSTOMS ADVANCE MAN WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER DAVID FISCHER HAS SERVED AS ADVANCE MAN FOR SIMILAR COURSES IN VARNA, BULGARIA 1973 AND 1974 AND IS QUALIFIED TO DO SO HERE IF CUSTOMS SO DESIRES.

6. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REQUEST THAT IF MR. BARBAGELATTA IS AVAILABLE AND SO DESIRES THAT HE BE LEADER OF U.S. TEAM BASED ON HIS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AT VARNA COURSE. ADVISE. CARGO

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